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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, and in response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. This response is being timely filed with a request for continued examination (RCE) and a one (1) month extension of time, which are enclosed herewith.

> Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.